

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

MINUTES

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Members:

Lee Bixson

Craig Blomberg

Arthur Clinton

Nico De Anda-Scaia

Najme Minhaj (Chair)

Justin Kudo (Vice Chair)

Ann Privateer

J Jesus Leyva (Alternate)

Ex Officio Members:

Saraf Nawar (Student)

John Pamperin (Faith based)

Rahim Reed (UCD)

Lt. Tom Waltz (Police Dept)

Vacant (ASUCD)

Pamela Mari/Mel Lewis

Council Liaison:

Stephen Souza

Lamar Heystek (Alternate)

Staff:

Kelly Stachowicz, City

I. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda

Members Present: Blomberg, Clinton, De Anda-Scaia, Kudo, Minhaj, Leyva, Privateer, Pamperin, Nawar

Members Absent: Bixson

Agenda was approved by consensus.

II. Approval of Minutes –

Privateer moved and Blomberg seconded, the approval of the December minutes. Passed unanimously.

III. Public Comment –

There was no public comment.

IV. Commissioner Communications and Announcements

Clinton suggested that the HRC have representation at the future Town Hall meetings?

Blomberg reported that the UN 60th Universal Declaration was a nice event, with about 100 in attendance. He pointed out that we take for granted our human rights.

Kudo reported that “Milk” is a great movie to see

Several Commissioners indicated an interest in pursuing the Racial Issues Report. Staff will share most recent update to the Racial Issues Report with Commission.

V. Council Communications and Staff Announcements

Councilmember Souza commented that he would like to see the Commission complete the Racial Issues Report. He would also like the Commission to consider ways to make events (MLK, Chavez) new and different, attracting new audiences and getting different people involved. He further suggested that the HRC consider having meetings out in the community (such as at UCD).

Stachowicz made general announcements about the Amicus brief regarding Proposition 8 and the candlelight vigil for Mumbai.

VI. Discussion/Action Items

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair.

Clinton moved and Blomberg seconded Minhaj as Chair and Kudo as Vice Chair. Vote was unanimous in favor with Minhaj abstaining.

B. MLK Day- share documents

De Anda briefed the Commission on the agenda. Kudo reported that The Enterprise will publish essays on Sunday before MLK Day.

The Commission discussed the keynote speaker options. Commissioners expressed concern about asking Tanya Walters, the speaker from southern California, because of the cost to get her to Davis and the lack of a local connection. Clinton reminded the Commission that the civil rights movement is a living movement and not just in the past. Commission agreed that Dr. Frye would be the most appropriate speaker for this year's event and perhaps we could pursue Ms. Walters for a future year.

VII. Updates/Recaps

A. Recap of Community Conversation – November 15, 2008

Group is supposed to present to the DJUSD Board in January or February.

Group will reach out to student groups between now and the end of the school year. Commission is uncertain of its role from here forward.

B. UNAFF- Stachowicz provided a brief update. Subcommittee

(Blomberg, De Anda and Privateer) is previewing films and will be meeting soon to finalize film selection and details of event.

VIII. Adjourn- 8:10